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Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 33/168 of 20 December 1978, 35/195 of 15 December 1980, 36/132 of 14 December 1981, 36/168 of 16 December 1981, 37/168 of 17 December 1982, 37/198 of 18 December 1982, 38/93 and 38/122 of 16 December 1983, 39/141 and 39/143 of 14 December 1984, 40/120, 40/121 and 40/122 of 13 December 1985, 41/125, 41/126 and 41/127 of 4 December 1986, 42/111, 42/112 and 42/113 of 7 December 1987, 43/120 of 8 December 1988 and 44/140 of 15 December 1989, as well as other relevant provisions,

Reaffirming the importance of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 1/ for improving

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international co-operation in that field and, further, for strengthening the existing international instruments for the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, namely, the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, and that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol 2/ and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, 3/

Welcoming with appreciation the entry into force of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 on 11 November 1990, after reaching the necessary number of ratifications and accessions,

Expressing its satisfaction with the work thus far carried out by the Division of Narcotic Drugs in relation to the establishment of various measures to assist States to become parties to the Convention and provisionally implement its provisions, as well as the inclusion of legal and technical assistance to States to these ends in its programme of work for the biennium 1990-1991,

Taking note of the Political Declaration and the Global Programme of Action 4/ adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session, held from 20 to 23 February 1990, as well as the London Declaration, 5/ adopted by the World Ministerial Summit to Reduce the Demand for Drugs and to Combat the Cocaine Threat, held in London from 9 to 11 April 1990,

Bearing in mind the Ministerial Meeting on the Consumption, Production and Traffic of Illicit Drugs, held at Ixtapa, Mexico, from 17 to 20 April 1990,

Also taking note of the report 6/ of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its eleventh special session, held at Vienna from 28 January to 2 February 1990, and in particular of the measures adopted by this United Nations standard-setting body relating to the entry into force and the provisional application of the Convention,

1. Urges States that have not yet done so to proceed as soon as possible to ratify or accede to the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, in order to make its provisions more universally effective;

2/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 976, No. 14152.

3/ Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.

4/ Resolution S-17/2, annex.

5/ See A/45/262.

6/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 4 (E/1990/4).

2. Also urges States to establish the necessary legislative and administrative measures so that their internal juridical regulations may be compatible with the spirit and the scope of the new Convention;

3. Invites States, to the extent that they are able to do so, to apply provisionally the measures set forth in the Convention, pending its entry into force for each of them, and, in particular, to bear in mind the advisory services available for this purpose from the Division of Narcotic Drugs;

4. Once again urges all States that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, and that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol, 2/ and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971; 3/

5. Requests the Secretary-General to assign appropriate priority to providing the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat and the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board with the necessary financial, technical and human resources to enable them to carry out their additional responsibilities under the Convention for the biennium 1990-1991 without prejudice to the provisions of any resolution authorizing a reform of the United Nations structure for international drug abuse control;

6. Once again requests the Secretary-General, within existing resources and drawing, in particular, on funds available to the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, to provide, facilitate and encourage public information activities relating to the Convention;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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